

**REMARKS**

Claims 6-14 and 16-24 are pending in this application. Claims 1-5 and 15 have been cancelled.

In the Office Action, claims 1-5 and 15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 3,985,322 (Mabuchi et al.) (newly cited), in view of U.S. Patent 6,550,715 (Reynolds et al.). This rejection is moot, since claims 1-5 and 15 have been cancelled.

Claims 6-14 and 16-24 were indicated as being allowed.

Accordingly, it is believed that the application is now in condition for allowance. Applicant therefore respectfully requests an early and favorable reconsideration and allowance of this application. If there are any outstanding issues which might be resolved by an interview or an Examiner's amendment, the Examiner is invited to call Applicant's representative at the telephone number shown below.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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